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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.

 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fuller.

Referring to claim 1, Fuller discloses a method for providing a visual clue for placing a first geometric entity in a 3D space represented in a computer-implemented graphics program (page 16-1 “3D Autocad”) comprising: displaying a 2D viewport of the 3D space on a display (page 8-1); selecting a first point in the 2D viewpoint (page 8-2, first paragraph); based on the first point, displaying a visual cue in the 2D viewport that indicates a coordinate system plane (Figure 8-3) where the coordinate plane identifies a plane where the first geometric entity is to be placed (Figure 8-3); using the visual cue, selecting a second point in the 2D viewport (page 8-2, first paragraph); and placing the first geometric entity on the coordinate system plane based on the second point (page 8-2, third paragraph).

Referring to claim 2, Fuller discloses where the visual clue comprises a second geometric entity (Figure 8-1).

Referring to claim 3, Fuller discloses where the second geometric entity comprises a circle in the 3D space oriented on the coordinate system (Figure 8-3).

Referring to claim 4, Fuller discloses where the second geometric entity comprises an ellipse displayed in the viewport and the center of the ellipse is on the first point (Figure 8-11).

Referring to claim 5, Fuller discloses where tick marks are displayed on the geometric entity (Figure 8-11).

Referring to claim 6, Fuller discloses where a distance between tick marks may be specified (page 8-16, see "Tick Spacing").

Referring to claim 7, Fuller discloses a temporary representation of the first geometric entity originating at the first point and ending at a cursor location and the second point is selected at the cursor location (page 8-2, third paragraph).

Referring to claim 8, Fuller discloses where the orientation of the first geometric entity snaps to a particular angle from the first point (page 8-7, see "Rotate").

Referring to claim 9, Fuller discloses where the visual clue displays the degree of an angle (page 8-7, see "Quadrant").

Referring to claim 10, Fuller discloses where the visual clue indicates available angles for the orientation of the geometric entity (page 8-7, see "Quadrant").

Referring to claim 11, Fuller discloses where an increment value for snap angles may be specified (page 8-7, see "Rotate").

Referring to claim 12, Fuller discloses where the particular angle may be specified by the user (page 8-7, see "Rotate").

Referring to claims 13-24 and 25-36, the remarks presented above with respect to claims 1-12 apply equally to these groups of claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Adam Arnold** whose telephone number is **703-305-8413**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays between 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Mancuso, can be reached at (703) 305-3885.

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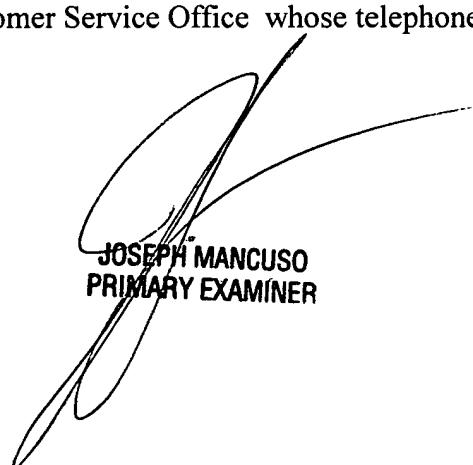
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.


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